

- **Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, Project Conserve and Project Energize (RECOVERY):** Members will participate in a variety of service projects in western North Carolina. The week will kick-off on May 10 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., with a river clean-up on the Watauga River in Boone. Other service projects include an invasive species removal at the Nature Conservancy's Bat Cave preserve and trail restoration on Satulah Mountain. Volunteers in the community will have the opportunity to learn in a hands-on way about the important service AmeriCorps Project Conserve provides in the region. The members will also promote AmeriCorps and share AmeriCorps brochures, bookmarks and stickers, with those volunteering and with others who observe the service projects. For information contact Amy Stout, director at 828-697-5777 or pprojectconserve@carolinamountain.org.
- **Black Child Development Institute, Spirit of Excellence and The Spirit of SUCCESS (RECOVERY):** Members and community volunteers will commemorate National AmeriCorps Week by serving at the Murphy Traditional Academy on May 10 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Members will read to classrooms of students, participate in an afternoon pep rally and provide "encouragement packages" for each student as they prepare to take the end-of-grade tests from May 11-13. The encouragement packages will be assembled by members and will consist of a small greeting card with a sentimental statement or phrase and include goodies such as candy and cookies. In addition, AmeriCorps members will spread the word about AmeriCorps programs by hosting small presentations to parents as they enter or exit the building and will share presentations to the school's educators and volunteers as well. For more information contact Chris Wallace, program director at 336-230-2138 or cwallace@blackchilddevelopment.org.
- **Stokes County Partnership for Children, AmeriCorps and Children Together (ACT) and Days of Service VISTA:** Members will volunteer at the Statesville Special Olympics Games by assisting the athletes during the games on May 12 at 8 a.m. Members will work one-on-one with the athletes to help them achieve success. For more information contact Katie Snow, program coordinator at 336-985-2676 and ksnow@stokespfc.com.

The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, a federally and state-funded agency housed in the Governor's Office, administered funding to 14 N.C. AmeriCorps programs for the 2009-2010 program year. AmeriCorps is a national service initiative designed to increase volunteering and civic engagement in America. Since 1994, more than 12,153 individuals have participated in N.C. AmeriCorps programs. Members tutor and mentor school-aged youth, improve the quality of care for preschool children and address the need for energy efficient housing for low-income families. For more information on the N.C. AmeriCorps programs, visit the Commission's Web site at www.VolunteerNC.org or call 1-800-820-4483 or 1-877-877-1765 (TTY).

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